

The Concepts



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CONCEPT 1: CONTINUING CURRENT MANAGEMENT / THE NO-ACTION CONCEPT

Overview

The no-action concept represents the existing conditions at the park if current management actions and zoning continue. National Park Service staff would continue to manage the parks as directed in the current General Management Plan (1980). For the foreseeable future, there would be no major change in management direction. The parks would continue to be an active partner in a regional conservation strategy that would include other agencies and community organizations. Facilities and resource programs would continue as they have. This concept provides a baseline for evaluating changes and impacts in the other concepts.

Cultural Resources Protection

The cultural resource program would continue to focus on protection of archeological sites and preservation of historic landscapes and structures. As funding is obtained, many of the parks’ 297 historic structures would be stabilized and preserved. Archeological sites would be reviewed and stabilized for long-term preservation. The “Cultural Landscape Zone” currently comprising 13 dairy and beef ranches would continue in operation. Leases would be renewed and continued under existing agreements. In areas where sensitive resources exist, measures would be taken to protect natural and other cultural features.

Natural Areas, Wilderness and Resource Management

The natural resource program would continue to focus on preserving and restoring ecosystems and applied research efforts. With more than half the National Seashore set aside as wilderness or natural areas, resource management activities would continue to focus

degraded would be protected. Invasive species would be removed from sensitive areas. Threatened and endangered species would be closely monitored and protected.

Visitor Opportunities and Experiences

Visitors to the parks would continue to have many diverse opportunities. The spectrum would continue to include passive recreation like bird watching and wildlife viewing to more active opportunities like backcountry hiking and camping. The Seashore would continue to maintain and operate three visitor centers, four backcountry campgrounds, its system of trails and access to beaches and boating. Exhibits and educational waysides throughout the park would continue to offer opportunities for education. Ranger-led talks and walks would continue at current levels. Exhibits, films and waysides would be updated and replaced to keep them relevant to visitors as funding becomes available. Relevant resource education would be available for students and visitors.

on inventory and long-term monitoring of plant and animal species. Habitat restoration would also continue as a major focus. Creeks that have been closed for salmon protection would be restored; wetland areas that are

Below: Concept 1 map

